

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 14 are pending in the application. Claims 1-14 are rejected. Claims 1, 5 and 9 are amended. Claims 1-14 remain. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

It is asserted in the Office Action that Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 USC 101. In response, Applicant has amended Claim 1 responsive to this rejection in that the claim now provides a useful, concrete and tangible result.

The Disclosure has been objected to due to informalities as noted on page 3 continuing to page 4 of the Action.

In response, Applicant notes that “d” is defined by equation (2). Therefore, its use in equations 1, 4, 6 and 7 is provided. Regarding the Examiner’s contention that “b” and “m” are not defined for equation 6 and 7, “b” is defined by equation (4) and “m” is defined in equation (1). Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the specification is requested.

Claims 5 and 9 are objected to, the Examiner contending that all variables used in the equations are not properly identified and/or defined. In response, Applicant has amended Claim 5 and 9 responsive to this objection.

In addition, Claims 5 and 9 are objected to due to informalities as noted on page 3 of the Action. In response, Claims 5 and 9 have been amended in response to the informalities as noted by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all outstanding requirements have been addressed, and the claims pending for examination, namely claims 1-14 are now in

condition for allowance, which early action is requested.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

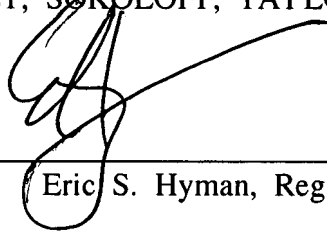
Respectfully submitted,

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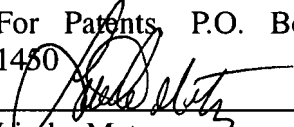
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